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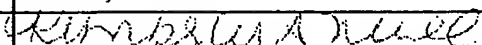
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Serial No.: 10/079,281

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE  
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In accordance with the recent telephone conversations between counsel for Applicant and Examiner Pope, this Response is made seeking withdrawal of the improperly issued USPTO Office Action dated December 17, 2004. The Office Action is improper, as it fails to consider the Preliminary Amendment timely filed by Applicant on July 16, 2003. A copy of the July 16, 2003 Preliminary Amendment, including the stamped post card returned by the USPTO acknowledging receipt thereof, is enclosed herewith.

Please withdraw the improperly issued Office Action of December 17, 2004, enter the Preliminary Amendment filed July 16, 2003, and timely issue a new Office Action that considers the timely filed Preliminary Amendment. Applicant requests a prompt and favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that prosecution of this Application could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant.

While no fees should be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1059.

Attorney Docket No. 20916-0005-1  
Serial No. 10/079,281

Respectfully Submitted,  
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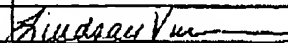
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on this page.**Remark/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A system for remote monitoring of vertical transportation equipment comprising: a) vertical transportation equipment; b) a Remote Terminal Unit communicably linked to said vertical transportation equipment; c) a Human-Machine Interface Server communicably linked to said Remote Terminal Unit; d) a Computerized Maintenance Management System Server communicably linked to said Human-Machine Interface; and, e) remote devices which are communicably linked to said Computerized Maintenance Management System Server.
2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a Camera communicably linked to said Remote Terminal Unit.